

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended), line 3, change "in association with" to --supporting--;

line 17, change "by" to --of--.

~~Please add the following new claim:~~

--8. An electronic device comprising:

a) at least one heat-generating electronic component;
and

b) a passive electronic component supporting said at least one heat-generating electronic component, said passive electronic component comprising:

a porous preform comprising particles of green silicon carbide or polygranular graphite, and

a metal filling the porosities of said preform by penetration of metal in liquid form followed by solidification, said metal selected from the group consisting of aluminum, an aluminum alloy, magnesium and a magnesium alloy,

said preform forming about 50 to 90% by volume of said passive electronic component,